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SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SITUATION
IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15THROUGH OCTOBER 21.

	OCT. 15	OCT. 16	OCT. 17	OCT. 18
BEGINNING STOCK	4,643.2	4,263.4	3,753.4	3,416.8
AIRLIFTS: BATTAMBANG	62.7	92.4	145.2	92.4
KG-CHHNANG	84.3	144.3	121.4	95.9
SAIGON	20.8	26.6	32.9	21.8
MEKONG CONVOY	-	-	-	-
RECEIVED FROM MILL	135.5	40.7	-	59.8
TOTAL AVAILABLE	4,946.5	4,567.4	4,052.9	3,686.7
LESS DISTRIBUTION	680.6	542.6	538.0	306.2

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BALANCE	4,265.9	4,024.8	3,514.9	3,380.5
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LESS ADJUSTMENT	2.5	271.4	98.1	43.6
BALANCE	4,263.4	3,753.4	3,416.8	3,336.9

	OCT. 19	OCT. 20	OCT. 21
BEGINNING STOCK	3,336.9	3,058.6	4,753.9
AIRLIFTS:BATTAMBANG	79.2	171.6	118.8
KG-CHHNANG	125.6	118.4	64.4
SAIGON	25.0	25.0	27.5
MEKONG CONVOY	-	1,800.0	-
RECEIVED FROM MILL	17.2	221.0	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	3,583.9	5,394.6	4,964.6
LESS DISTRIBUTION	507.2	593.9	-
BALANCE	3076.7	4,800.7	4,964.6
LESS ADJUSTMENT	18.1	46.8	-
BALANCE	3,058.6	4,753.9	4,964.6

2. STOCK POSITION. AS OF COB OCTOBER 21 THERE WERE 3,164.6 M/T OF RICE, BROKEN RICE, AND PADDY IN RICE EQUIVALENT IN PHNOM PENH PUBLIC WAREHOUSES, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 1,800 M/T OF SVN RICE THAT ARRIVED VIA THE MEKONG ON OCT. 20 BUT WAS NOT YET UNLOADED AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, GIVING A TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF 4,964.6 M/T ON THAT DATE. A STEADY IMPROVEMENT OF THE RICE STOCK POSITION BETWEEN OCT. 22 AND NOV 4 IS PROJECTED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INPUTS:

A) AIRLIFTS: BATTAMBANG 1,363 /T
 SAIGON 307 M/T
 B) ROUTE 4: THAI RICE 2,400 M/T
 C) MEKONG: GVN LOAN E,200 M/T
 THAI RICE 7,800 M/T
 TOTAL 15,070 M/T

3. DISTRIBUTION. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION AVERAGED 387.4 M/T. FOR TMP 10-DAY PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 21 THE DAILY AVERAGE WAS 449 M/T, AND FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH THROUGH OCT. 21 IT WAS 477.7 M/T. THE FACT THAT IN A MOMENT OF CRISIS THE GKR'S RICE COMMITTEE WAS ABLE TO ENFORCE A REDUCED DISTRIBUTION RATE IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ITSELF. BY THE SAME TOKEN, SIGNS OF UNREST WERE GROWING AMONG THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POPULATION SUGGESTING THAT THE LIK COULD NOT HAVE BEEN KEPT ON MUCH LONGER. STARTING THIS WEEK DAILY QUOTAS WILL BE SLIGHTLY INCREASED,
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AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE PROVINCES IS EXPECTED TO RESUME NEXT WEEK.

4. THAI RICE. THE LATEST SHIPPING SCHEDULED IS AS FOLLOWS:

ETA	ETD	ETA	MEKONG	ETA
VESSEL	BKK	M/T	BKK	KG-SOM CONVOY
P-PHNM	M/T			
WING PENG	-	1,800	10/18	-
REGULAR	10/27	1,800		
TACK TAI	-	3,400	10/21	10/22
	-		-	-
BONANZA	10-23	2,000	10/24	-
SPECIAL	10/29	2,000		

ADRIANA 10/23 2,000 10/25 - SPECIAL 10/29 2,000
 HOA HENG 10/21 3,000 10/28 10/29 SPECIAL 11/4 2,000
 12,300 7,800

THE VESSEL TACK TAI IS NOW UNLOADING HER FULL CARGO OF 3,400 M/T
 AT KOMPONG SOM. OF THE 3,400 M/T 2,400 TONS WILL BE MOVED TO
 PHNOM PENH BY TRUCK VIA ROUTE 4. THE SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF
 THE MARITIME PROVINCES WILL BE MET WITH 1,000 M/T FROM THE TACK
 TAI AND ANOTHER 1,000 M/T FROM THE HOA HENG.

5. GVN LOAN 5,000 M/T. A FIRST BARGE WITH 1,800 M/T ARRIVED
 OCT. 20. THE SECOND BARGE WITH ANOTHER 1,800 M/T ARRIVED OCT. 23.
 THE BALANCE OF 1,400 M/T IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN FOUR SMALL BARGES
 O/A OCT. 27.

6. AIRLIFTS.

	TOTAL LOADING	TOTAL M/T	TOTAL START	BALANCE AIRLIFTED DAILY	TO BE THRU 10/21	AVG.	AIRLIFTED
CARRIER	POINT	(EST)	DATE	THRU 10/21	AVG.	AIRLIFTED	
USAF	BATTAMBANG	3,000	10/2	1,637	81.9	1,363	
AIR AMERICA	KG-CHHNANG	980	10/11	980	98.0	-0-	
AIR AMERICA	SAIGON	490	10/15	180	26.0	310	
TOTAL		4,470		2,797		1,673	

7. KOREAN RICE. FOR THE MOMENT PROCUREMENT OF ONLY 8,800 M/T IS
 AUTHORIZED BY WASHINGTON. TWO VESSELS ARE BOOKED, THE ENDURANCE
 TO CARRY 3,800 M/T OF IR RICE AND THE NEW KEELUNG 5,000 M/T OF PL-480
 RICE. TRANSSHIPMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SAIGON, AND ARRIVALS PHNOM
 PENH ARE PROJECTED FOR NOVEMBER 19 (3,800 M/T) AND NOVEMBER 26
 (5,000 M/T).

8. JAPANESE RICE. THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
 TOOK PLACE IN PHNOM PENH ON OCTOBER 20. THE GKR WILL NOW WORK OUT
 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF THESE 5,000 M/T.
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